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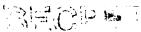
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Activity in the HEEGESEE Area 1 - 12 August, 1956					
During the period 1 - 12 August, 1956, there was very little activity 25X in the HEEGESEE Area. In the main, troops could be seen cleaning and maintaining tracked amphibians. On a few occasions single amphibians were seen to make short trips on the lake.	[1				
one of the tracked amphibians een during the period. The vehicle was 6.5 metres in length, 2.8 metres in idth and the height of the body-work was 1.5 metres. The body was shaped ike a rectangular box and was constructed of steel plate, approx. 3 mm. thick and reinforced with beading. The thickness of the metal used for the hull	2				
f the vehicle could not be estimated.	2				
. The suspension of the vehicle consisted of 7 bogic-wheels (approx. 40 cms. n diameter) and 7 return rollers. The width of the tracks was 25 cms.					
• On the bows of the vehicle there was a hatch measuring 70 x 80 cms giving ccess to the engine. On the hatch cover there was a cork life-belt.					
. The windscreen was approx, 1.80 metres in width. At the right hand end f the windscreen there was a whip aerial approx, 1.5 metres in height.	1				
. The driving controls consisted of 2 control-sticks for operating the racks and a steering wheel. The grip for the steering wheel consisted of wo segments.					
. The stern of the tracked amphibian sloped slightly inwards from top to ottom. There was one driving screw with a double-bladed propellor. Between he stern and the wing-screw there was a clearance of approx. 10 cms. and the haft was loosely enclosed in a bellowed rubber cover.					
. The lighting on the tracked amphibian consisted of the following:-					
(a) 2 searchlights with a diameter of 15 cms. The faces of these searchlights were covered with a sheet of metal with an oblong slit 10 cms. long and 2 cms. deep. The glass of the searchlight was fluted and concave. The light was white. There was a wire guard in front of each searchlight.					
(b) 2 navigation lights with a diameter of 5 cms. The glass was arched and plain. Each lamp had a red bulb. A wire guard was positioned in front of each light.					
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8. (c) In the middle of the windscreen a boss-shaped lamp was fitted.

The diameter of this lamp was approx. 12 cms. The glass was concave and red. The lamp was slightly tilted forward and gave a light red or magenta light.

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(d) The rear-lighting of the vehicle consisted of an oblong shaped box with 5 reflectors in a row. From left to right these reflectors were coloured, red, yellow and blue.

NOTE: One tracked amphibian seen had different shaped searchlights in the place of (a) above. Instead of having a metal cover with a slit, these searchlights, which had a diameter of 15 cms., were fitted with a protruding hood. The glass was fluted and concave and gave a red or magenta light.

9. On the 21st July, 1956, 3 large petrol tanks were unloaded at the railway siding which leads into the petrol depot at KUMMERSDORF/GUT. These tanks were 15 metres long and had a diameter of approx. 3 metres. The tanks gave one the impression that they had been taken out of the ground recently. The bill of lading showed that the tanks had been loaded at COTTBUS.

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